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Hongkong, 10th April, 1883. [296]

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

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Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [83]

THE Undersigned have been appointed

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [497]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

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SURVIVOR for the BUREAU VERITAS

at this Port until further notice.

ROBT. MCMURDO.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1883. [283]

NOTICE.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

DURING my absence, Mr. STEWART

MUNN MCLEISH will sign my Name

Per Procuration.

WM. CRICKSHANK.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1883. [233]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF
VALUABLE PROPERTY,
IN BONHAM STRAND.

THE MORTGAGEE has instructed the Under-

signed to Sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 17th day of April, 1883, on the Premises,

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All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND with the

FIVE HOUSES erected thereon, Nos. 80,

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the Remaining Portion of MARINE LOT

No. 34.

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Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1883. [269]

PUBLIC AUCTION

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IN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

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WEDNESDAY,

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sides 210 feet, containing in the whole more

or less 11,024 square feet. Yearly Crown

Rent \$168, for 999 years from the 12th June,

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Queen's Road West, Nos. 314 to 326, also

8 HOUSES on First Street, Nos. 79 to 93.

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Hongkong, 9th April, 1883. [270]

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FOR SALE.

PRICE \$1,000 ONLY.

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with spacious FLOWER and VEGETABLE GAR-

DENS, occupying a cool and healthy situation

and commanding a magnificent view. Excellent

spring water, and sea bathing only a few yards

distant.

For Particulars, apply to

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Macao.

Macao, 12th April, 1883. [284]

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CHARTS AND BOOKS.

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CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES, MARINE

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IN SELLING OFF.

WE are now SELLING OFF at GREAT

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ELEGANT PARISIAN COSTUMES, Richly

Trimmed and Embroidered in Pongee Silk;

CASHMERE, SATINETTE and CAMBRIC

with Parasol and Fan.

PLAIN MORNING and EVENING COS-

TUMES for the Season.

ELEGANT BALL DRESSES & CHAMBER

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FANCY and PLAIN SILK in Pieces to Suit.

Latest SILK and LACE CLOAKS.

SILK, MERINO, WOOLLEN, LINEN and

COTTON HOSE, and SOCKS in great variety.

FICHUS and LACE BOWS, FRILLING

and TRIMMINGS.

LACE and LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS.

SILK GLOVES, GARTERS and BUTTONS.

Ladies' and Children's HATS, & BONNETS.

PRINTS, POMPADOUR, and CRETONNE.

Ladies' DAWSON'S BOOTS in Great Variety.

&c., &c., &c.

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ECA DA SILVA & Co.,

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Hongkong, 12th April, 1883. [283]

FOR SALE CHEAP.

FIVE to SIX HUNDRED TONS

COKE

IN LOTS FROM ONE TON UPWARDS.

COAL TAR IN BARRELS.

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Hongkong, 5th April, 1883. [262]

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QUARTS.....\$22 per Case.

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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1882. [8]

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SEVERAL GOOD PONIES, suitable for

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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1883. [23]

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DAVID CORSAIR & SONS

MERCHANT NAVY

NAVY BOILED

LONG FLAX

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [438]

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NEW SPRING GOODS.

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WHITE DRESS MATERIALS.

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Trimmed & Untrimmed HATS & BONNETS.

A Choice Selection of FLOWERS.

OSTRICH TIPS & FLATS in Light Colours.

INKSTANDS in Great Variety.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1883. [249]

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MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

SELLING OFF CHEAP.

NO SUCH OPPORTUNITY EVER OFFERED BEFORE.

FOR ONE MONTH ONLY from This Date, all the BOOKS in this "STORE" including

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ALSO,

"KAISAR-I-HIND" CIGARETTES are now offered at 80 Cents per 100, in Handsome

Crystallized Tin Boxes, for the above period only.

TERMS, CASH ONLY.

S. MEYERS,

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1883. [28]

W. B. BREWER.

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NEW CABINET PHOTOGRAPHS.

THE NEW COMBINATION DRAWING SLATES FOR CHILDREN.

A VERY FINE SELECTION OF PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.

PLAQUES, WALL POCKETS, BOOKSLIDES, PASSE PARTOUTS, VELVET MIRRORS,

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BREWER'S GUIDE TO HONGKONG NOW READY.

W. BREWER,

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Hongkong, 7th April, 1883. [703]

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THE DISPENSARY, FOCHOW.

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It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

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Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

While the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in this day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1883.

The *China Mail* of last night informs its readers that "thirty-two votaries of yemerry sport of Fentan were interrupted in the midst of a fascinating game by Inspector MATTHEWSON and a posse of Police about two o'clock this (Friday) morning." And the *China Mail* as usual distinctly, deliberately, maliciously and illegally attempts to foist a pack of wicked lies on the public. It is quite true that 32 Chinese were haled up before the magistrate yesterday morning and charged with public gambling; but as the case was remanded at the request of the defendants' lawyer until the 18th instant, the impropriety of prejudging or prejudicing in any way must be apparent to everybody except the shallow-pated numskulls of the evening Journal. Instead of being "votaries of yemerry sport of Fentan," that is to say, professional gamblers, the persons in question are actually well-known merchants, and men of reputable character, occupying responsible positions. The "midnight revels," invented by the evening paper, were simply the ordinary proceedings at a legally constituted, well-known, and respectably conducted Chinese Club. We refrain from entering into any of the details of the case, but what the magistrate thought of the matter may be gathered from the fact that he expressed his willingness to admit the accused to bail in the paltry sum of \$5 each. Our contemporary says that the police have information which leads them to think that public gambling is carried on in this house on an extensive scale, and that this evidence will be produced at the trial. We specially direct the attention of the Captain Superintendent of Police to this statement. The police officer who authorised the *China Mail* to publish such an assertion is clearly unfit for his position.

This case, as a matter of course, gives us another view of the infamous and iniquitous informer system which has for so long disgraced the Colony. There is not the slightest doubt that in any gambling charge where the Inspector is desirous of ensuring a conviction, evidence of a sort will most certainly be forthcoming. Fortunately, however, for the purity of the administration of justice, our magistrates are not quite so easily gulled by the declarations of paid informers as they used to be, and the result frequently is that unless independent evidence is forthcoming, they refuse to convict. They might even go further and decline to en-

tertain any charge which is chiefly supported by information lodged by professional informers, who are financially interested in securing a conviction. It has been apparent to us for some time past that several of our active and enterprising inspectors have to some extent mistaken or misunderstood their proper vocations. It cannot be too clearly impressed upon these servants of the public that they are employed to assist in the prevention and suppression of vice and crime, and not merely to acquire a personal reputation with their superiors and the community for energy and acuteness by securing convictions at whatever cost.

As the privacy of a respectable Chinese Club has been ruthlessly outraged on information lodged by a scoundrel of an informer, who would without the least hesitation sell his own brother if he could make a few dollars out of the transaction, we shall anxiously wait for a raid by some energetic Inspector, anxious to get his name up, on the card room of the Hongkong Club. If it is immoral and illegal for the members of a properly constituted Chinese Club to play cards, or any of their national games in their own premises, it must of necessity also be immoral and illegal for the votaries of whist to enjoy a quiet rubber in either of the European clubs. There ought to be no mistake made by the servants of the government with regard to the social rights and privileges of the Chinese citizens of Hongkong. The Chinese are entitled to be treated by public officials, magistrates, policemen and others with exactly the same courtesy and consideration, with the same spirit of justice and impartiality, and with the same respect that the humblest as well as the proudest European is entitled to receive and moreover insists on receiving. Sir GEORGE BOWEN has publicly and emphatically declared that he has come to Hongkong to administer the authority committed to his charge by Her Majesty's Government, with strict impartiality, for the benefit of every race, every creed, and every class in the community. The subordinate officers of the local government will do well to regulate their official conduct by these pregnant words, declaring the policy of His Excellency the Governor.

We have purposely refrained from interfering in any way with the course of justice in the matter of the 32 Chinese referred to above. Their interests are perfectly safe in the hands of Messrs. DENNIS and MOSSOR, and it is for the authorities to substantiate, without the shadow of a doubt, the very serious charges they have made against a body of respectable citizens. The police authorities have no easy task before them, and it is only fair that they should know it. Unless they succeed in clearly bringing home to the defendants the crime with which they have been accused, they will doubtless be called upon by the magistrate—and if not by the magistrate by the government—to justify their action in forcibly intruding into a privileged building, and on the worthless evidence of a hired mercenary, subjecting a large body of respectable citizens to the indignity of being dragged as prisoners through the public streets and herded together like a crowd of infamous criminals for a whole night in the police cells. Now that the matter has been so forcibly brought before the public, we trust that the present system of issuing warrants will be made a subject for thorough investigation and revision.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 12th April.

THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.
In the Italian Senate the Minister of Foreign Affairs stated that the understanding between Austria and Germany implied no hostility towards France but that they cannot allow the creation of a great empire in North Africa.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

DURING the summer months the Hongkong Telegraph will be published punctually at 4 p.m. As there is necessarily some little delay in the delivery, subscribers who live at the Peak, can always receive their paper by sending their copies to this office a few minutes after the hour of publication.

His Excellency Do. Joaquin Jovellar, the new Governor and Captain General for the Philippines, arrived in Manila on board the Spanish steamer *Leon XIII.*, on the morning of the 7th instant, and disembarked amidst a loud clamour of vivas from those who had assembled to accord him a hearty welcome.

ACCORDING to the Japanese paper, *Daily Nippon*, Chi Unyei, a Korean gentleman, visited the Osaka Exhibition on the 1st instant. After completing his inspection of the premises he asked to see the President, who at once waited on him. He then remarked that although there were Japanese, Chinese and European paintings in the Exhibition, he failed to see any by Korean artists, and as this occasioned him much disappointment he wished for painting materials in order to supply the deficiency. These were supplied, and Chi Unyei painted two excellent landscapes representing Korean scenery, winding up by writing a few stanzas of poetry under each.

THE Japanese Naval Department contemplate building a dock of very large dimensions at Hakodate.

A REGULAR Lodge of Victoria, No. 1026, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Tuesday evening, the 24th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.

THE Fochow Herald says that Chang Mung-yuen, the Provincial Judge, has been appointed recently from Peking to the post of Imperial Commissioner of the Mamoi Arsenal, in the place of Lai Chao-tang, who had two months' leave granted him.

It is estimated, says the *Rising Sun*, that the total number of forests possessed by the Government of Japan aggregate 79,723, the dimensions which are 50,700 *cho* bearing in all 1,847,160,000 trees. Forests owned by private individuals are, however, greatly in excess, as they are said to cover an area of 5,622,897 *cho*.

SAYS the Fochow Herald:—Our theory concerning the river Min soon coming un-navigable between Fochow and Pagoda Anchorage, was partially illustrated on Tuesday last when, at almost high water, three steam launches were unable to proceed on their respective journeys, and lay "idle as painted ships upon a painted ocean."

THE Dublin correspondent of the *Central News* says:—I am in a position to state positively that the authorities here expect to be able very soon to implicate several Irish members of Parliament in the murder conspiracy. The police have all along suspected them of being connected with it, and are daily receiving fresh evidence that their suspicions were not unfounded.

THE Tribune has discovered that they have 700 Chinamen, one Chinese woman and one Chinese child in Chicago. The wealthiest of these Celestials stands possessed of about \$6,000. Three hundred of them are engaged in january work. One is so distinguished an artist that he is permanently engaged to paint the portraits of ex-Presidents of the Chicago Press Club.

THE scene is laid at a spiritualist assembly, and the medium has invoked a departed spirit of the mighty dead. The following conversation then takes place, amidst an excited hush:—"Is the spirit of Epaminondas present?" (Three affirmative knocks). "And do you recognize me, bright visitor from a better clime?" (Three affirmative knocks). "Who am I?" (An infernal ass!) spells out the spirit of Epaminondas.

SAYS the *Nagasaki Express*:—It is reported that twenty liberal leaders, connected with some insurrectionary movement, have recently been arrested at Takada, Niigata ken, and that recent events in that province have caused the authorities to issue strict orders that telegraphic messages containing information relative to the movements of the liberal party are not to be transmitted, nor are letters addressed to the same to be delivered through the Government Post Office.

A FEW items of general interest reach us (*Yokohama Mail*) from private sources in Peking. Korean affairs have ceased to be eagerly discussed for the moment. The treaty negotiated by Li Hung-chang, giving China special advantages, has not yet been promulgated or acted upon. A better feeling toward Japan is observed on the part of the Peking authorities and Admiral Yemoto's social position, at least, is disturbed by no embarrassing incidents. At the Russian Legation, the purpose of establishing treaty relations with Korea is freely spoken of. The health of Mrs. Young, wife of the American Minister, is in good measure restored, but to complete the cure she will visit the more healthful region of Southern France, starting in April. Complaints are rife in Peking over the irregularities of the mails, letters from Japan to that city having been sometimes delayed three months, during the past winter.

WE (*Yokohama Mail*) learn that the U.S. Minister in Peking has collected from the Chinese Government the amount of the long-standing "Ward claims," which were originally presented some twenty years ago, on account of the supplies furnished to the American General Ward, during the Tai-ping rebellion. Until a few weeks ago, the Chinese have steadily refused to recognize these claims, but the application of Mr. Young has been more successful than that of his predecessors, and the sum of \$600,000—covering principal and interest at nine per cent.—has now been paid over at Tientsin, by Li Hung-chang, to the order of the U.S. Legation. Settlement of all other out-standing American demands, amounting altogether to about \$200,000, has been promised, without much delay. This quiet and effective method of adjustment looks like a "new departure" in Chinese diplomatic relations.

NATHANIEL HOWELL, who lately died in West Australia, was, says the *Sydney Bulletin*, an English barrister of marked ability. Perhaps as a pleader in criminal causes he was, at the time of his death, unsurpassed by any of his fraternity in the colonies, and but for one weakness, might have risen to the Woolseley. Such was his tact and eloquence, that where the verdict "guilty" seemed a foregone conclusion, he has literally snatched men from the dungeon and gallows. Stern old Sir A. P. Burt, Kt., now deceased, for so many years Chief Justice of West Australia, often gazed with horror and amazement when he heard the verdicts poor Nat. Howell literally mesmerized the jury into giving. In the *cause of the Queen v. Kenneth Brown*, for murder, in which the prisoner's guilt was, it was well known, not even denied by himself, he kept jury after jury disagreeing, till the judge was almost driven mad, as there was not even a shadow of actual defence. At last, worn out, poor Nat. yielded to "his weakness," could not appear at the next trial, and Kenneth Brown was sent to his doom unanimously. During Howell's pleading, only one jurymen held out, all the others, in the face of the clearest guilt, being persuaded by his genius into a verdict of acquittal.

WE are informed by the Superintendent of the E. E. A. and China Telegraph Company, Limited, that the Saigon-Singapore cable is interrupted, and that all telegrams not sent on, have been returned to the senders.

LI ASUM, described as a hawker, but following the more unworthy calling of rogue and vagabond, was this morning sent by Mr. Wodehouse to a fortnight's retirement in the Model Establishment, with hard labor thrown in. Mr. Wong Kwán, district watchman No. 286, stated he was doing duty as a "special" in multi in Market Street yesterday at 5 p.m. The defendant was having a game at Fentan with a few others in the public street and was "bossing" the concern. He arrested him and brought his traps and money up to the Central Station. The peripatetic went off to do his turn in a very philosophic manner, and will doubtless use his brain during his term of languishing in trying to solve the question as to what are safe odds to lay against the even numbers.

FIVE rice-pounders were up before Mr. Wodehouse this morning on a charge of public gambling in No. 39 Market Street. Inspector Quincey stated that he entered the house in question last night about 7 o'clock. There were about twenty-five people assembled in the den having a quiet go in at "bucking the tiger" i.e. Fentan. The floor appeared to be occupied only for the purposes of gambling. He only succeeded in capturing the five men in Court, the others having escaped by the roof and other outlets. Chun Akin, the first defendant, was pointed out to him as being the "boss" of the shop. The inspector produced the usual gambling implements and showed a slight scratch on his arm which was produced by a blow from a stick, the party having made a slight show of fight. Leung Fuk, coolie and professional informer, faced Mr. Wodehouse, and stated that he had visited the gambling house on Thursday night and had taken a "little hand" at Fentan with the gamblers assembled in the house. There were about 20 men in the room. The first defendant was the lord of the premises and conducted the bank. Defendants stated they were rice-pounders and were enjoying a game at dominoes, when taken into custody.

The informer, Mr. Leung Fuk, had asked the master of the house for the loan of some money which was refused him, and in spite he had brought the present charge against him and the others. Mr. Wodehouse fined Chun Akin, the first defendant, in the sum of \$50, in default to be imprisoned for a term of 6 weeks, with hard labor. The others were ordered to pay \$10 each or to go to goal for three weeks with hard labor. The five rice-pounders retired into "Her Majesty's keeping" for the afore-mentioned periods.

CHUN AHING, a coolie, was brought before Mr. Wodehouse this morning on a charge of administering a narcotic beverage to Lum Pak Shing and then robbing that worthy of the sum of \$120 in silver. Lum Pak Shing, a bricklayer, who has just returned from Saigon to peacefully enjoy in his home the hard earned dollars, had been induced by the smooth tongued coolie to follow him to his abode where a letter would be handed him for delivery to his brother in Annam. It appears the bricklayer was out with a friend yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock on a purchasing expedition. They were standing near a water tank in a street the name of which he did not know. The defendant was standing on the other side of the road. He advanced and accosted them and very politely asked whether they had just arrived from Annam as he thought they were from that country. The two friends answered him in the affirmative. He then said that his brother had resided in Annam for the last 8 years and he was anxious to communicate with him but could not find the means of sending him a letter. If they could oblige him by forwarding the message through some friends of theirs he would feel delighted and would be obliged to them for their kindness. The bricklayer and his friend betook themselves to Mr. Chun's residence, No. 34 Circular Pathway, to take possession of the letter. They arrived at the house in question where two other men were seated in the hall. Chun at once started writing the fraternal letter, the visitors in the meantime being requested to partake of a cup of tea to soothe their parched throats. No sooner had Lum emptied the contents of the tea cup than he felt queer, something like being in the "other world." At 3 o'clock, however, he recovered from the effects of the drugged tea, and began brushing his clothes and rubbing his eyes. The house was cleared of all persons except himself and pal, who had recovered his senses at the same time as he did. On searching his waist he found \$70 missing which he had on that part of his body. The two victims at once started for home and from there went to the Police Station to report the matter. Complainant affirmed that he is sure the prisoner is the man who decoyed him. He does not know how he came to be arrested. He got the tea that was standing on the table ready made. The defendant did not partake of the tea nor did any of the others. He does not know how prisoner came to know about his arrival from Annam. They had not shown in any way that they had money before he spoke to them. They had no gambling at all. He does not know how to gamble. Prisoner stated having met the complainant and his friend in the street and asked them to lend him the letter to Annam. After finishing the letter the two friends had remained back with the other men to try their luck at Fentan and by so doing lost all their money. Won Tai Loy, P.C. 201, stated that after making enquiries in the neighbourhood of No. 34 Circular Street he proceeded to Square Street where he found the defendant and arrested him. On being apprehended Chun stated that it was not \$120 he got from the bricklayer, but only \$20. Lum had also a watch which, he did not take. Lum's features are not familiar to any of the local officials. Mr. Wodehouse remanded the case till Thursday next at 10 o'clock to see if further evidence would be produced.

THE London Times says: "The cry of distress, as far as it is heard at all, comes from the rich rather than from the poor. We hear on every side of reduced expenditure under the pressure of reduced means." This would cause the less regret if there were not the loss of employment involved.

It is such solemn truths as are contained in the following lines which make foreigners meditate suicide rather than undertake to master the mysteries of our mother tongue:

Write, we know, is written right,
When we see it written right,
But when we see it written right,
We know it is not written right,
For write, to have it written right,
Must not be written right, nor right,
Nor yet must it be written right,
But write, for so it is written right.

GENERAL Bronsart von Schellendorf, the new War Minister, is the descendant of an old Prussian military family. He was born in 1832 at Danzig. During the war of 1870 he accompanied the Emperor's headquarters as a member of the general staff. He then became chief of staff of the Guards Corps. He last commanded the Second Guard Infantry Division. He is also well known as a military writer, and has been one of Prince William's military tutors.

NUMISMATICS is for the moment the favorite science with French ladies. All are anxious to know something about the coins which have become so fashionable as ornaments. Grecian gold coins are those most highly valued. Among Roman coins the most precious are those of the Emperors and Caesars whose reigns were the shortest. In French coins those most sought for are small gold angels, francs of King John, the golden lion of Flanders and St. Michael slaying the dragon. Very artistic brooches and bracelets are made of these coins.

THE negotiations which have recently been going on between the Czar's Government and the holy See in reference to the future of the Roman Catholic Church in the Russian Polish province have been entirely successful. All the vacant Polish Sees are to be filled. The renewal of good relations between the Czar and the Pope has been accelerated by the conviction that it would be folly to allow mere matters of form to prevent their co-operating in combating the terrible elements of disorder which are now threatening the very bases of society throughout the Christian world.

THE project for erecting a memorial upon the site of the historical Black Hole of Calcutta appears to have been attended with some practical difficulties. Surgeon Holwell, the chief of the twenty-three who, as readers of Lord Macaulay's striking description will remember, staggered out from among the corpses of their comrades "in the dim morning," was allowed to erect at his own expense a monument above the ditch into which the 123 bodies were cast, and to inscribe upon it the names of many of the victims. But this memento has long fallen away, leaving no trace. The old fort is also gone, and even its exact configuration has become matter of uncertainty. Thanks to the explorations conducted by Mr. Bayne, of the East-Indian Railway, however, the site and palm of the fort have at last been determined with reasonable certainty, though a few additional excavations have been recommended by the Asiatic Society. The latter body also urge upon the Government the advisability of erecting tablets at suitable spots to mark with precision a locality so closely connected with one of the most striking incidents in Anglo-Indian annals.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the above company was held in the offices of the General Agents, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., to-day, at noon, when there were present the Hon. F. B. Johnson, chairman, Messrs. W. Reiners, A. P. McEwen, J. H. dos Remedios (directors) Dr. Adams, M. B. Polihwalla, G. C. Cox, C. P. Chater, J. J. Bell, Irving, P. Jordan, Rocha, S. R. Neato, and E. F. Alford, secretary.

After the notice convening the meeting had been read by the secretary, the chairman said:—Gentlemen, I will now ask you to confirm the resolution passed on March 30th, viz:—That Clause No. 30 be struck out and expunged from the Articles of Association of this Company and do cease to form portion of the Articles of this Company from the 14th day of April, 1883; and that the following clause be substituted in lieu thereof and do form portion of the Articles of Association of the Company from the last mentioned day and be numbered 30.

30.—That the Company may with the sanction of a Special Resolution previously passed by Meeting sub-divide the existing Shares of the Company into Shares of such amount as the Meeting shall direct.

The proposition was seconded by Mr. Reiners and carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson then said—that finishes the business of this meeting and we will now hold another extraordinary general meeting, and I have now to propose the following resolution:—That each of the existing Shares of the Company be divided into four Shares of \$250, upon each of which the sum of \$50 shall be credited as paid up.

Mr. McEwen seconded, and the resolution was about to be put to the vote when Dr. Adams called the attention of the Chairman to the fact that it was not yet a quarter past 12 o'clock, the time for which the second extraordinary meeting had been called. He said that personally he had no objection to the business being proceeded with, but some of the absent shareholders might afterwards raise an objection to the meeting as being an informal one. However, if the Chairman ruled that everything was in order he had no objection to make.

The Chairman said that as his attention had been called to the matter they would wait on time as his watch certainly agreed with that of Dr. Adams, and it wanted about four minutes to the advertised time. In the meantime he would state to the meeting that on reconsideration of the said resolution it would be decided that there would be no need to close the transfer books. The time for holding the second meeting having arrived, the resolution was put and carried unanimously.

The Chairman then stated that a meeting would be held on April 30th, to confirm the resolution they had now passed.

This concluded the business.

FOOCHOW SPRING RACES.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

FIRST DAY—MONDAY, 6TH APRIL.

After a week of lovely weather with the course in capital condition and affording excellent and fast going, the rain began to fall on Saturday evening to the disappointment of everyone, but more especially those whose ponies had not the gift of getting well through mud. Throughout Sunday rain fell at intervals, but on Monday, although the weather looked dull and threatening, the anticipated deluge held off, and everything passed off most satisfactorily.

The chief interest of the meeting centred in the subscription griffins. They were generally set down as a fairly good lot, although it was considered necessary to discard one of the mob, owing to his striking resemblance to the familiar water buffalo. This discarded animal rather took the fancy of a sanguine local "sport," who at a small outlay became his owner, and singular to relate he actually turned out one of the "cracks" of the meeting. He was named Doncaster, and after running third to Forager and Helios in the St. Andrew's Cup, came out like a giant refreshed and scored a very clever victory from Wild Foam and Wild Wail in the Spring Cup. Being in very bad condition, Doncaster's two severe races on Monday prevented his starting on the second day, which deprived the Champions of much of its interest, as the griffin had been well backed for the great event, and on his running must undoubtedly have made a good show.

Proceedings commenced in capital time with the Griffins Stakes, half a dozen competitors ranging themselves under Mr. Daniel's flag, Ecarte being made a very warm favorite. The good thing failed to come off however, as Pugnacity, skilfully steered by the popular "Major," had the foot of his opponents all the way, and won easily at last from Ecarte and Masher. In the half-mile flyaway Stakes the veteran Wild Foam, ridden from pillar to post, got home cleverly from Flying Fox by a couple of lengths. Helios seemed unable to act through the heavy going and could only finish second in the St. Andrew's Cup to Forager, the "water buffalo," Doncaster, finishing at the head of Mr. Yorke's uncertain pony. The Chazeau Cup was considered a foregone conclusion for Huntsman, and so it proved, as Mr. Joyce had only to sit still to win anyhow from a moderate field. In the absence of the penalised Pugnacity, and the second in the Griffins, Ecarte, Masher was strongly fancied for the Lotter Cup, and, thanks to Mr. Tennant's determined horsemanship, just managed to pull through after a desperate race with Pique. The discarded griffin Doncaster was again pulled out to oppose Wild Foam, Wild Wail and three others in the Spring Cup, and notwithstanding his poor condition he ran, with unflinching gameness, and demonstrated unexpected excellence by winning a splendid race from Wild Foam by a little over a length in 1.36.3—his first performance consisting the heavy ground. Doncaster was pursued with Helios in the Nautal Stakes, Mr. Tennant sending him to the front at once and making the whole of the running, he easily turned the tables on Forager winning by a couple of lengths.

The following are the details:—
THE GRIFINS STAKES, of \$10 each, with \$100 added; second pony to receive \$50; for Subscription Griffins only; a forced entry; weights as per scale. Three Quarters of a mile.
Mr. Harding's Pugnacity.....Mr. Bathgate 1
Mr. Ecarte.....Mr. Joyce 2
Mr. Edgar's Masher.....Mr. Tennant 3
Mr. St. Leger's Repartee.....Mr. Baker 0
Mr. Belmont's Peter Simple.....Mr. Slemson 0
Mr. Dewhurst's Thunderbolt.....Mr. Greaves 0
Ecarte was made a warm favorite at even odds against the field, but Pugnacity, cleverly ridden by Mr. Bathgate, held him safe throughout and won easily; Masher was an indifferent third. Time 1.43.

THE FLAYWAY STAKES, of \$5 each with \$50 added for all China Ponies; weights as per scale. Half a mile.
Mr. Funnysby's Wild Foam.....Mr. Baker 1
Mr. Owl's Flying Fox.....Mr. Greaves 2
Mr. Harding's Wild Ibex.....Mr. Bathgate 3
Mr. St. Andrew's Tallyman.....Mr. Joyce 0
Wild Foam jumped off with the lead and Mr. Baker riding the earthenware, "fastest pony in China" hard from start to finish, won all out by a couple of lengths from Flying Fox, with the others close up. Time 63 seconds.

THE ST. ANDREW'S CUP, (presented) value \$200; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; entrance \$10. One mile.
Mr. Funnysby's Forager.....Mr. Baker 1
Mr. Yorke's Helios.....Mr. Tennant 2
Mr. Diamond's Doncaster.....Mr. Joyce 3
Mr. Boyes' Presto.....Mr. Bathgate 0
Mr. Belmont's Stray Shot.....Mr. Slemson 0
Mr. Kerfoot's Hickory.....Mr. Greaves 0
Forager, travelling in the heavy ground, had the best of Helios and Doncaster all the way home, eventually winning cleverly by half a length, Mr. Yorke's pony beating the griffin on the post for second place. Time 2.12 2-3th.

THE CHAZEAU CUP, (presented) value \$50; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. Two miles.
Mr. St. Andrew's Huntsman.....Mr. Joyce 1
Mr. Funnysby's Huntsman.....Mr. Greaves 2
Major Edgwick's Daubour.....Mr. Bathgate 3
Mr. Harding's Strathairn.....Mr. Baker 0

The Hongkong Derby winner was made a hot favorite, and justified the confidence of his supporters by winning with great ease. Time 4.44.
THE LOTTERY CUP, value \$100; second pony \$20; for Subscription Griffins only; a forced entry; weights as per scale; winner of the Griffins Stakes 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. One mile and a quarter.
Mr. Edgar's Masher.....Mr. Tennant 1
Mr. Ecarte.....Mr. Joyce 2
Mr. St. Leger's Mazerpa.....Mr. Baker 3
Mr. Dewhurst's Thunderbolt.....Mr. Greaves 0
The form in the Griffins was maintained, Masher, in the absence of Pugnacity and Ecarte, getting home very cleverly after a determined struggle. Time 3.0 2-5th.

THE SPRING CUP, value \$100; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winner of the Flayway Stakes 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. Three Quarters of a mile.
Mr. Funnysby's Wild Foam.....Mr. Baker 1
Major Bagstock's Wild Wail.....Mr. Tennant 2
Mr. Belmont's Stray Shot.....Mr. Slemson 0
Mr. Ecarte.....Mr. Greaves 0
Wild Wail was made favorite, but running unkindly, greatly disappointed his supporters, in the last quarter of a mile, the race was between Doncaster and Wild Foam, the griffin winning with remarkable gameness under punishment.

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passing the post first a length to the good in the very excellent time (considering the state of the course) of 1.36 2-5th.

The **STAKES**, of \$10 each; a forced entry, all Ponies entered at this meeting, except those entered for the Hack Stakes and the Subscription Grifflins; first Pony to receive 70 per cent, second 20 per cent, third 10 per cent of the Stakes; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. York's Helios..... Mr. Tennant 1
Mr. Funniboy's Forger..... Mr. Baker 2
Mr. Proseyc's Iroquois..... Mr. Jeyes 3
Mr. Owl's Flying Fox..... Mr. Greaves 0
Mr. Bowes' Presto..... Mr. Bathgate 0

Immediately the flag fell Mr. Tennant sent Helios to the front, and keeping the pride of place throughout won a good race by two lengths from Forger, the rest of the field being widely scattered. Time 2.50.

SECOND DAY—TUESDAY, 10TH APRIL.

The weather to-day was bright and clear, and the course, quickly drying under a strong sun, afforded much better going than yesterday. The farmers reaped a rich harvest removing the racing plates which were no longer necessary. Capital sport was again provided, good fields and close racing characterising the various events. The veteran Strathpeffer won a couple of races, although he had been absent from exercise for a week owing to lameness. He ran gamely as ever, but had all his work cut out to give Iroquois 7 lbs. in the Stand Stakes. The blue and silver jacket was again to the fore in the Champions, Huntsman winning in good style; but it is doubtful if he would have been returned the winner had the race been ridden differently. The Stewards are to be complimented for the completeness of the general arrangements. Mr. Northey as judge gave universal satisfaction, and Mr. Daniel filled the difficult post of stayer in most creditable style. Particulars of the day's racing are appended:

The **LEADER CUP**, (presented), value \$—; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winners of one race at this meeting 10 lbs. extra, of two or more 15 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. Once round Mr. York's Strathpeffer..... Mr. Tennant 1
Mr. Kerfoot's Hickory..... Mr. Greaves 2
Mr. Proseyc's Iroquois..... Mr. Jeyes 3
Mr. Funniboy's Wild Foam (10 lbs. ex.)..... Mr. Baker 0

Mr. Hardinge's Wild Ixex..... Mr. Bathgate 0
Old Strathpeffer, after a week's compulsory rest owing to lameness, came out as fresh as paint, and won in a common canter. Time 1.24.

The **CHINA CUP**, (presented), value \$—; Second Pony \$50; for Subscription Grifflins only; a forced entry; weights as per scale; winners of one race 7 lbs., of two or more 10 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. Hardinge's Pugnacity (7 lbs. ex.)..... Mr. Bathgate 1
Mr. St. Legar's Marepapa..... Mr. Baker 2
Mr. Ess' Ecarte..... Mr. Jeyes 3
Mr. Ess' Pique..... Mr. Greaves 0
Mr. Edgar's Mashie (7 lbs. ex.)..... Mr. Tennant 0

The winner of the Grifflins was strongly fancied, and notwithstanding his penalty had no difficulty in winning without being really called upon. Time 2.18.

The **AMOY CUP**, (presented), value \$—; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winners 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. One mile and a half.

Mr. Funniboy's Cruiser..... Mr. Greaves 1
Mr. Belmore's Stray Shot..... Mr. Jeyes 2
Major Bagstock's Dalhousie..... Mr. Bathgate 3
Mr. Bowes' Presto..... Mr. Baker 0

The old Amoy stayer was backed against the field, and won as he liked from a very feeble opposition. Time 3.30.

The **STAND STAKES**, of \$10 each with \$50 added; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winners of the Flyaway Plate, Spring Cup or Ledger Cup 7 lbs. extra; if two of these races 10 lbs. extra; non-winning Subscription Grifflins allowed 7 lbs. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. York's Strathpeffer (7 lbs. ex.)..... Mr. Tennant 1
Mr. Proseyc's Iroquois..... Mr. Jeyes 2
Mr. Funniboy's Wild Foam (7 lbs. ex.)..... Mr. Baker 3
Mr. Kerfoot's Hickory..... Mr. Greaves 0

Mr. Ecurail's Ichabod..... Mr. Bathgate 0
Mr. Kerfoot's Hickory..... Mr. Greaves 0
After several false starts, in one of which Wild Foam ran a circuit of the course before he could be stopped, the lot were despatched on even terms, Strathpeffer cutting out the work closely attended by Iroquois and Wild Foam, and to these three the race was confined after going half the journey. The old grey seemed to have the prize at his mercy until inside the distance, where want of condition told its tale, and Mr. Tennant had to ride his hardest to get home. Time 1.37.

The **HACK STAKES**, of \$10 each with \$50 added; for all China Ponies not otherwise entered at this meeting; weight 12 stone. Half a mile.

Mr. Hardinge's Creedmoor..... Mr. Baker 1
Mr. Leech's Phoenix..... Mr. Greaves 2
Mr. Belmore's Magician..... Mr. Tennant 3
Major Bagstock's Wild Echo..... Mr. Bathgate 0

Creedmoor was strongly fancied, and although heavily handicapped with a bad start, he got on terms with his ponies hearing the finish and won easily from Phoenix, with Magician a fair third. Time 55 seconds.

The **CONSOLATION CUP**, value \$100; Second Pony \$50; for all *bona fide* non-winners at this meeting; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile.

Major Bagstock's Wild Wolf..... Mr. Tennant 1
Mr. Ecurail's Ichabod..... Mr. Bathgate 2
Mr. Belmore's Stray Shot..... Mr. Jeyes 3
Mr. Bowes' Presto..... Mr. Baker 0

Mr. Owl's Flying Fox..... Mr. Greaves 0
Long odds were offered on Wild Wolf, and they were never in doubt as the winner of the Parsee Cup at the last Hongkong meeting had the race in hand all the way. A fine struggle between Ichabod and Stray Shot for second place resulted in a dead heat. Time 2.15.

The **CHAMPION STAKES**, of \$10 each with \$100 added; a forced entry for winners exceeding the Hack Stakes and Consolation Cup; winners of two races \$15 extra, of more than two \$40 extra; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. St. Andrew's Huntsman..... Mr. Jeyes 1
Mr. York's Helios..... Mr. Tennant 2
Mr. Hardinge's Pugnacity..... Mr. Bathgate 3
Mr. Funniboy's Forger..... Mr. Baker 0

Helios was strongly fancied, but cutting down tactics being pursued with Mr. York's pony and Forger they ran themselves to a standstill, enabling Huntsman to land himself a clever winner. The subscription griffin ran a good pony, but want of condition stopped him at last. Time 2.48.

The **COSMOPOLITAN CUP**, (presented), value \$—; for all China Ponies; weight 12 stone; to be ridden by Residents in the Fokien Provinces; entrance \$5. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Funniboy's Cruiser..... Mr. Greaves 1
Mr. Funniboy's Wild Foam..... Mr. Baker 2
Major Bagstock's Dalhousie..... Mr. Bathgate 3
Mr. Kerfoot's Hickory..... Mr. Tennant 0

After an interesting race between the first three, the Amoy contingent gradually obtained the advantage and finished first and second, time 1.59.

Coming events cast their shadows before. At a meeting of the Shanghai Race Club held a few weeks ago, a resolution was proposed by Mr. H. de Courcy Forbes and adopted by a large majority, entirely altering the conditions of the race for the Shanghai Derby. Like our own Blue Riband the great annual griffin race of the north has hitherto been contested at 10 lbs. each, altogether irrespective of the height of the ponies. The unfairness of an arrangement which makes a 12.2 pony carry the same weight as one measuring 14 hands must be manifest to every person who knows anything of pony racing. It may be urged that in races like the Epsom Derby and Doncaster St. Leger the horses all carry equal weights, no matter whether they measure 15 or 17 hands; but then it is perfectly well-known that over, say 15.2, extra height is neither conducive to extra speed, stamina, or weight carrying power, therefore there is no analogy between cases which are so dissimilar in the most important points. In the last Hongkong Derby, Sunshine (12.2) was conceding the winner Ambassador (13.2) 12 lbs., which was simply unfairly handicapping the smaller animal out of the race.

Mr. Forbes' resolution, as above stated, was carried by a large majority, and the Shanghai Derby will henceforth be a weight for inches race according to scale. This reform is such a sensible and practical one, that I have no doubt whatever that a similar proposal with regard to the Hongkong Derby will be brought forward at the next meeting of the subscribers to the Hongkong Race Fund and adopted unanimously. But for the thoroughly conservative character of all our institutions, such a glaring anomaly in the conditions of the most important race at our annual meetings would scarcely have been permitted to exist so long.

There are several other improvements in the conditions of various races which might be effected with advantage to sport. It has always seemed to me that the handicap system has never received a fair trial in China—at least in Hongkong. In our programme the only handicap is the Ladies' Purse, and in this event the weights have usually been adjusted in such a careless and slipshod fashion that a thorough success of the principle could scarcely have been looked for. There is no reason, so far as I can see, why races such as the Wong-wei-chong Stakes, Ashley and Fochow Cups, Exchange Plate and many others, which are almost solely contested by old ponies whose form is well known, should not be made handicaps, and the weights carefully allotted on the broad basis of public performances, and published weeks before the races. The adoption of this system would undoubtedly make the events more open (that is of course presuming the handicaps were arranged with ordinary skill) produce large fields and more exciting struggles—and further would abolish the present ruinous practice of paying ridiculously exorbitant prices for first class ponies as mere instruments of gaming. The professional dealers would no doubt suffer, but as sportsmen and sport would reap the benefit, it is scarcely likely that owners would stand in their own light to oblige these gentry. Were the merits of the handicap system generally recognised and adopted, we should certainly never hear of two and even three thousand dollars being paid for a publicly tried race pony, whose actual value was less than a tenth of either of these sums.

The great advantages of handicaps to racing men of the class usually met with in the Far East are apparent. Owners, who race principally for the love of sport, would have the same prospects of winning a race with his modest third rate fifty dollars purchase as the levianth speculator with his two thousand dollars top sawyer. Of course there would be cup races to be contested under the ordinary weight for inches conditions, so that high class animals should decide their claims to superiority on equal terms, but as a general rule the races should be either handicaps, as what is known in India as "class" races. I am not sufficiently acquainted with racing in Shanghai to speak with authority on the necessity for any change in the system in vogue there. For aught I know to the contrary, the large number of gentlemen who race, and the vast supply of racing stock always on hand at a moderate outlay, may always ensure good sport without the aid of handicapping. But we are differently placed in Hongkong. We have very few owners, and our racers must be secured second hand at a heavy outlay. Before the introduction of subscription grifflins, Hongkong Races were quickly dying a natural death. Outside the subscription grifflins the success of our annual meeting is even now based on a foundation of sand. We can only rely on local owners; support from Shanghai and the Coast Ports is always most uncertain. Supposing Mr. Paul or Mr. Kerfoot were to retire from active participation in the sport, it is not too much to say that the competition for many of the old standing dishes would practically degenerate into a series of walks over. Mr. Henry is shortly going to England, and Mr. St. Andrew is not always to be relied on to support our races in the regal fashion he has done for the past two years, consequently the owners who are certain to be represented in most of the important races are so few that the slightest accident would leave the field at the mercy of one or other of the local sportsmen above named. This contingency has been the subject of conversation in our racing circles for years past. Fortunately we have hitherto had some sort of a competition—not always satisfactory, but still sufficient to make the racing interesting. When the day does come—and come it must under the present system—when the principal races are completely at the mercy of one stable, the authorities will recognise the necessity for reform of the character indicated by the above remarks.

The Shanghai Race Club have raised the scale of weights 4 lbs., all round, thus making their

standard similar to that of Hongkong. There was a good deal of opposition to this alteration, principally by the light weight jockeys, and various arguments were advanced both for and against the measure. It seems to me that the views expressed by both opposing factions, were more matters of personal opinion than sensible arguments relevant to the subject under discussion. It can hardly be contended with any show of reason that an additional 4 lbs. can make much difference to the ponies, and it is equally absurd to say that the alteration was advisable because four or five riders could not conveniently get down to 10 lbs. I am glad the proposal was carried, but merely because it assimilates the Shanghai scale to our own, thus removing a strange anomaly which had existed too long. There is a great deal of nonsense talked and written about the heavy racing weights carried by China ponies. When it is remembered that in wetter races and hunters races on the flat in England—which are the nearest approach to our style of racing—race horses carry weights ranging from eleven to nearly fifteen stone, there is surely nothing wonderful in a pony carrying from 10 to 12 1/2, to 14 1/2, at the pace at which our races are usually run.

AN OLD SPORTSMAN.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1883.

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The O. & O. steamer *Gaelic*, with the next American mail, left Yokohama on the 9th instant, and is due here on or about the 16th.
The O. & O. Co.'s steamer *Belgia*, with the succeeding American mail, will leave Yokohama on the 13th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 19th.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The steamer *Laudun Castle* left Singapore for this port on the 9th instant, and is due here on or about the 15th.

The N. L. steamer *Camorta* left Batavia for this port with Saigon on the 1st instant, and may be expected here on or about the 16th.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Laertes*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the afternoon of the 11th instant, and may be looked for here on or about the 17th.

The steamer *Nelson* left Sydney on the 3rd instant for Hongkong, via Queensland Ports and Amoy, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 1st proximo.

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HOUSES IN BONHAM STRAND AND JERVOIS STREET.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction on **TUESDAY**, the 24th day of April, 1883, on the Premises, at THREE P.M.—

All those PIECES or PARCELS OF GROUND Registered in the Land Office as MARINE LOTS Nos. 28A and 144. Together with the 8 HOUSES erected thereon, Nos. 79 and 81, Jervois Street, Nos. 10, 12, 21, and 23, Burd's Lane, Nos. 52 and 54, Bonham Strand.

The above will be sold in 2 Lots. For Particulars and Conditions, apply to **J. M. GUEDES**, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1883. [288]

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "CITY OF PEKING,"

will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama and Honolulu, on WEDNESDAY, the 9th May, at THREE P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, Honolulu, the United States, and Europe.
Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to Honolulu, San Francisco, and Atlantic and Indian Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.
RETURN PASSAGES—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 per cent from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10 per cent will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25 per cent from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to *fares from China and Japan to Europe*. Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. on the 8th May. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 59A, Queen's Road Central.

F. E. FOSTER, Agent.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1883. [1]

NOTICE.

ST. JOHN LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th instant, at 8 for 8.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1883. [276]

To-day's Advertisements.

KELLY & WALSH'S NEW AND POPULAR MUSIC.

SONGS.

Some Day..... M. Wellings.	The Miller and the Maid..... Marzials.
The Remmy Lass..... Stephen Adams.	Leaving yet Loving..... Marzials.
For Fity's Sake..... Stephen Adams.	In the North Country..... Marzials.
Moon-Daisies..... Stephen Adams.	If only..... Marzials.
In a Quiet Old Village..... A. S. Gatty.	Told in the Twilight..... Marzials.
Going to Market..... A. S. Gatty.	Because I do..... Molloy.
O Strange and Sweet..... Nessler.	Great Grandmother..... Molloy.
When I was young..... Nessler.	Little Maid of China..... Molloy.
Woman's Love and Kisses..... Nessler.	Hearts..... Pinsuti.
The Pride O' Deal..... Kinross.	The British Tar..... Bentley.
King Henry's Song..... A. Sullivan.	Teach me to forget..... F. Moir.
The Bell-Ringer..... Wallace.	Behind the Clouds..... Coward.
Thine Image only..... Nessler.	At the Ferry..... M. Wellings.
Spring a Leak..... Stephen Adams.	Kismet..... Molloy.
As the March goes..... Caldicott.	Dear Face..... Goodbye.
A Song of Dots..... Leonasil.	Death or Glory..... Mattel.
The Bird and the Cross..... Molloy.	The Reason Why..... Adelmann.
Three Merry Men..... Molloy.	Father O' Flynn..... Stanford.
A Weathercock..... Seymour Smith.	Il Mio Carlo..... A. L. Mora.
Old Ireland So Green..... Forman.	His Fame..... Stephen Adams.
Love's Secret..... Sung by Mrs. Langtry.	To be or Not to be..... Hutchison.
The Haven of Rest..... Marriotti.	Gold..... F. L. Moir.
One among Twenty..... Cunyngname.	Is my lover on the Sea..... F. L. Moir.
Lyke as a Ship..... Stanford.	One; two; three..... Berger.
Le Parlate d'Amor..... Gounod.	Spring of Edelweiss..... Jacob.
Outside the Soldier..... Barri.	The old Barge..... Dehn.
Open the door to me..... Barri.	In the Gleanings..... Lady A. Hill.
Beyond the Stars..... Barri.	At Noon tide..... Lady A. Hill.
So the World goes..... Hendall.	In the Moonlight..... Lady A. Hill.
Sweet Day so Cool..... Sullivan.	Norah..... L. Duff.
Yeoman's Wedding Song..... Poniatowski.	Jack and Jill..... Toucy.
	The Old Poetry..... Molloy.

DANCE MUSIC.

My Queen Valse..... Coote.	Valse-Galop..... Mattel.
Dolores Valse..... Waldeufel.	Day and Night Quadrilles..... Williams.
Dreamland Valse..... Batho.	Pheobe Polka..... Grenville.
La Printemps Valse..... Waldeufel.	La Mascotte Quadrille..... Deransart.
La Source Valse..... Waldeufel.	Evelyn Polka..... Marriotti.
Le Premier Baiser Valse..... Waldeufel.	Claude Duval Polka..... Grenville.
Valse Vénitienne..... Waldeufel.	Boccaccio Polka..... Héne.
Down Stream Waltzes..... Henry.	Boccaccio Quadrille..... Coote.
Les Yeux de Fanchette Valse..... Robinson.	Claude Duval Quadrille..... Coote.
Secret of Love Waltz..... Grenville.	Billie Taylor Quadrille..... Grenville.
Secret of Love Waltz..... Grenville.	Sweet Kiss Polka..... Kinkel.
Whip Poor Will Waltz..... Kinkel.	Black Satin Polka..... E. Piron.
Mello Valse..... Waldeufel.	A Ton Bras Polka..... Rieffler.

KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, April 14th, 1883. [560]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.
THE Company's Steamship

"DIAMANTE,"
Captain Wright, will be despatched for the above Ports, on MONDAY, the 16th instant, at FIVE P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to **RUSSELL & Co.**, General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1883. [286]

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.
THE Spanish Steamer

"DON JUAN,"
Captain Marquez, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 16th instant, at FIVE P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to **BRANDAO & Co.**, Agents.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1883. [289]

FOR SINGAPORE, MAURITIUS, AND BOMBAY.
THE Steamer

"INGO,"
Captain Jesselsen, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 23rd instant, at FOUR P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to **DUNN, MELBYE & Co.**, Agents.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1883. [287]

FOR LONDON (DIRECT).
THE 3/3 L. I. German Ship

"IDA,"
Schneider, Master, will load here for the above Port and will have quick despatch.
For Freight apply to **ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.**
Hongkong, 14th April, 1883. [285]

HONGKONG RACES, 1883.

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Hongkong, 5th March, 1883.

Intimations.

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE SPARS AND LUMBER ALWAYS ON HAND.
L. MALLORY, Proprietor.
Hongkong, 24th June, 1881. [459]

J. M. GUEDES.

HOUSE AND LAND BROKER, AUCTIONEER AND COMMISSION AGENT.
No. 33, WELLINGTON STREET, H. KONGKONG.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [5]

THE CITY OF MANILA CIGAR STORE.

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JOSE M. RASA.
No. 51, B, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1882. [297]

NOTICE.

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SPARKLING SCHARZHOFFBERGER.

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VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN CHAMPAGNE.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1882. [10]

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THE TYPHOONS OF THE EASTERN SEAS.

BREVET LIEUT. COL. H. S. PALMER.

ROYAL ENGINEER.

Commercial.

THIS DAY.

There is still a general stagnation in share business, so far as actual transfers are concerned; but there have, nevertheless, been a great many important changes in the price list since we last wrote. It is hardly our business to explain the wonderful fluctuations in the share quotations during the past fortnight; those interested in the great game of share speculation can form their own conclusions from actual facts. A few transactions in Banks have been reported this morning. At 196 per cent. premium *new* issue of scrip, for the end of the month, a few shares have been negotiated; but there are plenty of cash-sellers at 195. The quotations for the scrip of most of our local Marine and Fire Insurance companies are decidedly on the decline. Unions are now freely offered at 750. China Traders' at 2700. Yangtze at 1225. Hongkong Fire at 1470 and China Fire at 325. We have not been blessed with the mantle of prophecy, but most of these quotations will undergo a considerable reduction between now and this day week, if the ordinary market indications are to be relied on. Docks are also very weak, with sellers at 59 per cent. premium, and we have good reasons for believing that a lower cash offer would quickly lead to business. This is anything but encouraging for those sanguine plungers who have undertaken heavy time liabilities. A few sales of Steamboats at 40 per share premium have been booked, and at this rate the stock remains fairly firm. How long it will maintain its present position appears to us to be a matter of considerable uncertainty. So far as we know the Company has not discovered a hidden treasure in the Canton River, and the traffic runs in the same old groove. However, investors ought to know what they are about much better than we can teach them, and so long as they are contented to purchase the scrip at its present quotation, we have no reason to be dissatisfied. A few shares of the China and Manila Steamship Co. are on offer at 120, without securing purchasers. Indo-China Steam Navigation stock is in better odour than it has been for some considerable time past; shares have changed hands at 2 and 3 per cent. premium, and there are further buyers at the higher rate. Sugar stocks remain nominally at the old quotations. Ices are wanted at the increased price of 170 per share.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—Ex New Issue—157 per cent. premium.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—New Issue—155 per cent. premium.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$750 per share, sellers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$2,700 per share, sellers.
 North China Insurance—Tls. 1,900 per share, buyers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$150 per share, buyers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 1225 per share, sellers.
 Chinese Insurance Company—\$220 per share, buyers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$1,410 per share, sellers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$325 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—59 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$46 per share, premium, sales.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—120 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$190 per share, sellers.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—3 per cent. prem. sales and buyers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$203 per share, buyers.
 China Sugar Refining Company (Debtures)—3 per share.
 Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$105 per share.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$170 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—14 per cent. prem. ex. int.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—28 per cent. prem.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/7 1/2
 Bank Bills, on demand 3/7 1/2
 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/7 1/2
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8 @ 3/8 1/2
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8 @ 3/8 1/2
 ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T. 4/8
 Credits, at 4 months' sight 4/8
 ON BOMBAY.—Bank, T. T. 223
 ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T. T. 223
 ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 72 1/2
 Private, 30 days' sight 73

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA.....per picul, 8530
 (Allowance, Tails 64.)
 OLD MALWA.....per picul, 8555
 (Allowance, Tails 24.)
 NEW PATNA (first choice) per chest, 8572 1/2
 NEW PATNA (second).....per chest, 8562 1/2
 NEW PATNA (without choice) per chest, 8565
 NEW PATNA (bottom).....per chest, 8575
 NEW BAKERS.....per chest, 8550
 OLD BAKERS.....per chest, 8550
 NEW PERSIAN.....per chest, 8570
 OLD PERSIAN.....per picul, 8590
 (Allowance, Tails.)

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

MARLBOROUGH, British steamer, 1,175, M. Kunal, 13th April.—Saigon 9th April, Rice and General.—Chinese.
 NAM-VIAN, French steamer, 435, A. Garreau, 13th April.—Haiphong 9th April, and Hoihow 12th, General.—Shing Lung.
 CRUSADER, British steamer, 647, Rowin, 13th April.—Saigon 9th April, Rice.—Soey Sing.
 JANGALORE, British steamer, 1,309, Hassall, 13th April.—Yokohama 5th April, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 DIAMANTE, British steamer, 514, G. Wright, 14th April.—Manila 11th April, General.—Russell & Co.
 HESPERIA, German steamer, 1,161, Petersen, 14th April.—Saigon 10th April, Rice.—Siemens & Co.
 DOUGLAS, British steamer, 92, S. Ashion, 14th April.—Fochow 11th April, Amoy 12th, and Swatow 13th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Fernow, British steamer, for Saigon.
 Crusader, British steamer, for Saigon.
 Miramar, British steamer, for Saigon.
 Alby, British steamer, for Swatow.
 Hoosier, British steamer, for Shanghai.
 Lucia, British bark, for London.
 Hazard, American bark, for Hilo.
 Coloma, American bark, for Portland, Oregon.

DEPARTURES.

April 14, Lido, British steamer, for Manila.
 April 14, Egean, British steamer, for Saigon.
 April 14, Zola, Spanish steamer, for Manila.
 April 14, Hesperia, British steamer, for Swatow.
 April 14, British, British str., for Shanghai.
 April 14, Fokien, British steamer, for Amoy, &c.
 April 14, De Day, British steamer, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per Crusader, str., from Saigon.—6 Chinese.
 Per Marlborough, str., from Saigon.—60 Chinese.

Per Diamante, str., from Manila.—Dr. Cuadras, and 143 Chinese.
 Per Nam-vian, str., from Haiphong, &c.—120 Chinese.

Per Bangalore, str., from Yokohama.—Mrs. Minami, Mrs. Brinkley, Miss Martyn, Messrs. Alexander, G. F. Brinkley, H. Brinkley, Hammond, and Waters, 6 Chinese, and 3 children.
 Per Douglas, str., from Fochow, &c.—Captain Martin, Messrs. J. Elles, R. Goodridge, and 2 sons, N. D. Ollie, and J. Moses, and 180 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Egean, str., for Saigon.—100 Chinese.
 Per Fokien, str., for Amoy.—4 Europeans and 70 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamship Marlborough reports left Saigon on the 9th instant. Had light variable winds and fine weather.
 The British steamship Diamante reports left Manila on the 11th instant. Had light variable winds and fine weather until Lemna Heads; thence to port had thick foggy weather.

The British steamship Crusader reports left Saigon on the 9th instant. Had fine weather and light variable winds to Paracels; thence to port had moderate monsoon and heavy head sea.

The British steamship Douglas reports left Fochow on the 11th instant, Amoy on the 12th, and Swatow on the 13th. From Fochow to Amoy and Swatow had moderate N.E. monsoon with fine clear weather. From Swatow to port had variable wind with dull cloudy weather. The latter part had foggy weather. In Fochow the steamships Nansing and Namos. In Amoy the steamship Canton, and Chinese gunboat Felkoo. The steamship Hailong left at 2 p.m. for Formosa. In Swatow the steamships Newchwang, Tientin, Chefoo, Tamau, Zaiwan, Pechili, Faidah, and Kajantathannah. The steamship Kwangtung left at 7 p.m. for Amoy.

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.

(Corrected to Date).

Patricio (a).....Glasgow.....Feb. 1
 Friedlander.....Cardiff.....Feb. 2
 Undine.....Cardiff.....Feb. 2
 Mathilda.....Cardiff.....Feb. 6
 Elise.....Cardiff.....Feb. 6
 Carl Ritter.....Liverpool.....Feb. 13
 Elwell.....Liverpool.....Feb. 19
 Gordon Castle (a).....Antwerp.....Feb. 22
 Louisa Castle (a).....London.....Feb. 24
 Frederick.....Cardiff.....Feb. 26
 Afghan (a).....London.....Mar. 1
 Joe Raters.....Penarth.....Mar. 1
 Carl Ritter.....Cardiff.....Mar. 1
 Atalanta (a).....Hamburg.....Mar. 1
 Pandora (a).....Trieste.....Mar. 1
 Mosser (a).....London.....Mar. 2

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(FROM MESSRS. FAIRBANKS & CO.'S REGISTER).

Barometer—P.M. 30.00
 Barometer—A.M. 30.00
 Thermometer—P.M. 71
 Thermometer—A.M. 71
 Thermometer—P.M. (Wet bulb) 70
 Thermometer—A.M. (Wet bulb) 70
 TO-NIGHT.
 Barometer—P.M. 30.05
 Barometer—A.M. 30.05
 Thermometer—P.M. 72
 Thermometer—A.M. 72
 Thermometer—P.M. (Wet bulb) 71
 Thermometer—A.M. (Wet bulb) 71
 Thermometer—Maximum 72
 Thermometer—Minimum (over night) 70

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

Barometer.....
 Thermometer.....
 Direction of Wind.....
 Force.....
 Dry Thermometer.....
 Wet Thermometer.....
 Weather.....
 Hour's Rain.....
 Quantity fallen.....

Barometer, level of the sea in inches, tens and hundredths.—Thermometer, in Fahrenheit degrees and tenths registered every two points, N., N.E., E., S.E., S., S.W., W., W.N.W., N.W., N., &c. Force of Wind, or calm, 1 to 3 light breeze, 4 to 5 moderate, 6 to 7 fresh, 8 to 10 strong, 11 to 12 heavy, 13 to 14 violent.—State of Weather, B, Clear blue sky, C, Cloudy, D, Drizzle, F, Fog, G, Foggy, H, Hail, L, Light rain, M, Mist, O, Overcast, P, Parting shower, Q, Squally, R, Rain, S, Snow, T, Thunder, V, Variable, W, Visibility, W, Storm, Z, Calm. The letters are repeated to indicate any increase over the mean average of that significance. Rain.—The hours of rain for the previous 24 hours (noon) are registered from 1 to 4 the quantity of water fallen indicated in inches, tenths and hundredths.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

ALBAV, British steamer, 366, F. D. Goddard, 13th April.—Taiwanloo 10th April, and Amoy 11th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.
 ANTON, German steamer, 595, F. W. Schrader, 13th April.—Chefoo 6th April, Beans and General.—Wiel & Co.
 BENLARIO, British steamer, 1,484, John H. Clark, 12th April.—Saigon 8th April, Rice and Paddy.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
 BRUTUS, German steamer, 465, Voge, 5th April, Saigon 20th April, Paddy.—Wiel & Co.
 DANUBE, British steamer, 561, R. Jones, 11th April.—Bangkok 3rd April, Rice and General.—Yuen Fat Hong.
 DECIMA, German steamer, 1,157, S. Oestmann, 12th April.—Saigon 7th April, Rice.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
 ESMERALDA, British steamer, 395, G. Wright, 24th March.—Manila 21st March, General.—Russell & Co.—Kwintston (tug plying).
 FAME, British steamer, 117, Stopani, (tug plying).
 FERNOW, British steamer, 700, J. Kelly, 12th April.—Saigon 7th April, Rice.—Bun Quan Lung.

GLENEAGLES, British steamer, 1,837, R. J. Gasson, 11th April.—Saigon 7th April, Rice.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 INGO, German steamer, 672, Jorjensen, 10th April.—Newchwang 3rd April, Beans.—Captain.

JAPAN, British steamer, Fred. F. Flack, 30th March.—Calcutta 15th March, Penang 22nd, and Singapore 24th, Opium and General.—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
 LENNOX, British steamer, 1,328, Scott, 29th March.—Calcutta 15th March, Sand Heads 16th, Penang 21st, and Singapore 23rd General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

MIRAMAR, British steamer, 892, E. Duggan, 9th April.—Saigon 4th April, Rice.—Russell & Co.
 MONGKUT, British steamer, 859, Loff, 7th April.—Glasgow 10th February, General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

SEA GULL, American steamer, 48, Hayden, Nov. 24th.—China Traders' Insurance Co.
 SUMATRA, British steamer, 1,406, T. Fairclough, 1st April.—Yokohama 24th March, Kobe 26th, and Nagasaki 28th, General.—P. & S. N. Co.

THALES, British steamer, 820, T. G. Pocock, 12th April.—Swatow 11th April, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.
 WOOSUNG, British steamer, 1,109, A. Hunt, 10th April.—Saigon 6th April, Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.

YANTZSE, British steamer, 764, D. Cassen, 12th April.—Saigon 8th April, Rice.—Soey Sing.
 YUTUNG, British steamer, 286, H. Kennett, June 23rd.—Quangai 19th June, General.—Kwok Acheong & Sons.

SAILING VESSELS.

ALDEN BESSIE, American bark, A. Noyes, 22nd Dec.—Portland, Oregon 12th Nov., Spars.—Melchers & Co.
 CARNATEL, British bark, 871, Alex. A. McPhail, 27th March.—Newcastle, N.S.W., 1st Jan., Coals.—Captain.

CHANDERNAGOR, Siberian bark, 682, Mercier, 6th Feb., Manila 27th Jan., Ballast.—Carlowitz & Co.
 COLOMA, American bark, 853, Noyes, 5th Jan., Portland, Oregon 8th November, Lumber.—Melchers & Co.

CYPRUS, British ship, 1,392, Johnson, 11th Jan.—Middlesbrough 4th August, Iron.—Russell & Co.
 C. B. HAZELTINE, American bark, 885, W. Gilkey, 4th Feb.—Rio de Janeiro 9th Oct., Petroleum.—Russell & Co.

EATARAM, German schooner, 457, R. Hertzberg, 6th April.—Gronstadt 1st February, Rattans.—Ghee Cheong Hong.
 EDDERSIDE, British ship, 1,300, Lane, 29th March.—Newcastle 16th February, Coal.—Borneo Co.

ELLEN, British bark, 499, C. Hodge, 4th April.—Newcastle, N.S.W., 16th February, Coals.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
 ERNST, German bark, 644, H. D. Fundt, 25th March.—Shanghai 18th March, General.—Captain.

GUARDIAN, American ship, 1,124, Fletcher, 3rd Feb.—Newcastle, N.S.W., 8th Dec., Coals.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
 HARVARD, American bark, 1,033, Samuel Pray, 25th March.—Newcastle, N.S.W., 13th February, Coal.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

HECHT, German schooner, 358, W. Floetz, 23rd March.—Hilo 9th March, Sapanwood.—Siemens & Co.
 JOHN WORSTER, American bark, F. A. Hough, 10th Feb.—Newcastle, N.S.W., 19th Dec., Coal.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

KEPLER, German bark, 758, G. Outhen, 9th April.—Singapore 27th February, Timber.—Captain.
 LUCIA, British bark, 640, C. Crowley, 3rd March.—London 15th October, General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

LOUISA, German 3-m. sch., 245, Schlerloch, 2nd Jan.—Whampoa 31st Dec., General.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
 MARY WHITRIDGE, American ship, 862, Geo. Freeman, 2nd Feb.—New York 14th Sept., Kerosene Oil.—Russell & Co.

MERCURY, American ship, 1,156, Panno, 4th March.—Singapore 1st February, Timber.—Chinese.
 N. THAYER, American bark, 585, Crosby, 1st April.—Newcastle 27th January, Coals.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

PAPA, German bark, 748, F. H. Bannan, 5th March.—Cronstadt 25th October, Flour.—Siemens & Co.—Kowloon Dock.
 PHENIX, German bark, 683, M. Diewitz, 25th March.—Hamburg 21st Sept., General.—Melchers & Co.

PENOBSCOT, American bark, 1,133, O. G. Eaton, 28th March.—Newcastle, N.S.W., 31st January, Coal.—Russell & Co.
 PRISCILLA, British bark, 767, B. Young, 25th March.—Newcastle 8th January, Coal.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

RAMIER, French bark, 280, S. Sway, 2nd April.—Keelung 29th March, Coals.—Carlowitz & Co.
 ROBERT PORTER, American bark, 840, D. C. Nichols, 6th April.—Newcastle, N.S.W., 20th January, Coals.—Russell & Co.

SARAH HONETT, American ship, 1,418, J. Baas, 9th April.—Hilo 28th March, Ballast.—Captain.
 SCHWAN, German brig, 276, T. Schroder, 24th March.—Hilo 8th March, Wood.—Siemens & Co.

SIR WM. WALLACE, British bark, 908, T. R. Brown, 24th Feb.—Newcastle, N.S.W., 30th Dec., Coal.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
 ST. IDEUC, French bark, 388, J. Durand, 2nd April.—Whampoa 1st April, General.—Carlowitz & Co.

SOPHOCLES, British ship, 1,100, Alex. Smith, 4th Feb.—Sydney 5th Dec., Coal.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
 WAGRIEN, German 3-m. schooner, 179, A. Dillburn, 31st March.—Whampoa 1st April, General.—Wiel & Co.

WANDERING JEW, American ship, 1,668, H. Talpaw, 26th Feb.—Cardiff 27th October, Coal.—Russell & Co.
 WILLIAM MANSON, British bark, 366, H. Kindred, 1st April.—Sydney 9th Feb., Coals.—Russell & Co.

HONGKONG—SAILING VESSELS.

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WAGRIEN, German 3-m. schooner, 179, A. Dillburn, 31st March.—Whampoa 1st April, General.—Wiel & Co.
 WANDERING JEW, American ship, 1,668, H. Talpaw, 26th Feb.—Cardiff 27th October, Coal.—Russell & Co.
 WILLIAM MANSON, British bark, 366, H. Kindred, 1st April.—Sydney 9th Feb., Coals.—Russell & Co.

CANTON.

ALWINE, German steamer, 400, Thiesen, 11th April.—Newchwang 3rd April, Beans.—Wiel & Co.
 NINGRO, British steamer, 761, Cass, 10th April, Shanghai 6th April, General.—Siemens & Co.
 KWONGSANG, British steamer, 1,000, St. Croix, 12th April.—Shanghai 8th April, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

RIVER STEAMERS.

Hankow, British steamer, 2,235, Ogston.—Butterfield & Swire.
 Ho-nam, British steamer, 1,377, T. Benning—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.

Kiang-ping, Chinese steamer, 360, Holmes.—C. M. S. N. Co.
 Kiu-kiang, British steamer, 617, A. Benning—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.

Klung-chow, British steamer, 159, Goggin—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.
 Powan, British steamer, 1,890, Hoyland—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.

Spark, British steamer, 1,100, Goggin—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.
 White Cloud, British steamer, 527—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.

Yot-sai, British steamer, 180, Lefavor—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.
 In Port on 11th April, 1883.

AMOI.

Albatross, German schooner, 216 (Brunas)—Pasadag & Co.
 Anna, German bark, 493 (Meinschein)—Pasadag & Co.

Anna Sieben, German bark, 609 (Fausen)—Captain.
 Bride, British bark, 300 (Sutherland)—Captain.

Lima, German schooner, 220 (Michelson)—H. A. Petersen & Co.
 Faugh Budge, German 3-m. sch., 220 (Rute)—H. A. Petersen & Co.

Gitanilla, British bark, 503 (Taylor)—Brown & Co.
 Juno, German bark, 266 (Nielsen)—Pasadag & Co.

Kjohenhavn, Danish bark, 353 (Magleby)—H. A. Petersen & Co.
 Louise, American schooner, 280 (Lawrence)—H. A. Petersen & Co.

Milton, Norwegian bark, 455 (Kroger)—Boyd & Co.
 Oceanic, British bark, 320 (Firth)—Boyd & Co.

Orient, German bark, 451 (W. G. Rader)—H. A. Petersen & Co.
 Rachel, British bark, 382 (Affleck)—Boyd & Co.

Tetuan, British bark, 437 (Hyne)—Pasadag & Co.
 Velocity, British bark, 490 (H. Martin)—Pasadag & Co.

Velo, Dutch bark, 240 (J. Wilkens)—H. A. Petersen & Co.
 SHANGHAI.

In Port on 6th April, 1883.

Anglo-Indian, British bark, 444 (Graham)—Drysdale, Ringer & Co.
 Brenda, British bark, 290 (Swanson)—Mackenzie & Co.

Chingteh, Chinese bark, 472 (Taylor)—C. M. S. N. Co.
 G. H. Wappaus, German bark, 538 (Boysen)—Meyenink & Co.

J. S. Stone, American bark—Captain.
 Kolga, British bark, 359 (Koteln)—Nils Moller.

Kolga, German bark, 340 (Lome Bang)—Russell & Co.
 M. Wenkleman, American sch., 505 (Ober)—J. W. Muller & Co.

Pearl, American bark, 536 (Howes)—Chapman, King & Co.
 Peiho, German bark, 433 (Lambke)—Chapman, King & Co.

Queen of India, British bark, 389 (Inokay)—H. Hewitt & Co.
 Rosa Madre, Italian bark, 911 (Ottone)—Max. Slevogt.

Stout, Norwegian bark, 581 (Hennester)—Siemens & Co.
 Tyburnia, British bark, 948 (Chalmers)—Adamson, Bell & Co.

NAGASAKI.

In Port on 31st March, 1883.

Batavia, British bark, 360 (Roper)—Holme, Ringer & Co.
 Else, German brig, 287 (Binkemyer)—Order.

Kozaki Maru, Japanese ship, 400 (Christensen)—M. B. M. Co.
 North British, British bark (Dinsmore)—Holme, Ringer & Co.

Sumanoura Maru, Japanese bark, 925 (Speigelthal)—M. B. M. Co.
 YOKOHAMA.

In Port on 22nd March, 1883.

A. Cashman, Russian schooner, 50 (Sternberg)—F. Ketz.
 Alexander, American schooner, 50 (Carlson)—H. Cook.

Alma, American schooner, 52 (Tibbey)—J. D. Black Diamond, German bark, 670 (Boyd)—P. Bohm.

Chocoma, American ship, 1,663 (Lockle)—C. Illies & Co.
 Diana, American schooner, 75 (Peterson)—Captain.

Ellsa, American schooner, 113 (Abbott)—D. Carroll & Co.
 E. von Beaulieu, German bark, 336 (Cetting)—Grosser & Co.

F. & Amanda, German bark, 370 (Bischoff)—J. E. Collyer & Co.
 Helena, American schooner, 40 (Borghard)—M. Ginsbury.

Lizzie, American schooner, 60 (Abbott)—D. Carroll & Co.
 M. C. Bohm, German schooner, 56—P. Bohm.

Otsego, American schooner, 35 (Pearce)—Captain.
 Otome, American schooner, 52 W. Hardy—Spow & Co.

Otter, American schooner, 56 (Littlejohn)—J. E. Collyer & Co.
 Rose, American schooner, 40 (Wilson)—W. Copeland.

Sophie, Russian brig, 330 (P. Lemaschewsky)—F. Ketz.
 Stella, Russian schooner, 40 (Isaac)—F. Ketz.

Tremogora, British ship, 1,394 (Cann)—Corney & Co.
 Two Brothers, American ship, 1,382 (Hayden)—F. & A. Manda.

Vigilant, American ship, 1,300 (Gould)—Frazier & Co.
 Zephyr, British schooner, 250 (Ewart)—P. Hodge.

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Albatross, screw sloop, 4 guns, Commander Chas. Hicks, Hongkong.
 Audacious, double-screw iron frigate, Captain R. E. Tracey, Hongkong.
 Champion, corvette, 14 guns, Captain Russell S. G. Pasley, Singapore.
 Cleopatra, corvette, 14 guns, Captain Hippisley, Hongkong.

Curacao, corvette, 14 guns, Captain Anstruther, Hongkong.
 Daring, composite sloop, 4 guns, Commander F. J. J. Elliot, Kobe.
 Esk, double-screw gunboat, 3 guns, in reserve, Hongkong.

Flying Fish, sloop, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander Hosken, Hongkong.
 Fly, double-screw gun-vessel, 4 guns, Commander J. Hope, Singapore.
 Foxhound, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander McQuibban, Sandakan.

Kestrel, double-screw gun-vessel, 4 guns, Commander E. Hotham, Shanghai.
 Linnet, British gunboat, Commander C. P. Harris, en route Shanghai.
 Midge, surveying vessel, 4 guns, Hongkong.

Moore, double-screw gun-vessel, in reserve, Hongkong.
 Midge, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieut